

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Discussion Item:

702 KAR 5:080, Bus drivers' qualifications, responsibilities, and training (Final)

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.160, 189.540, 49 CFR 382.101 to 382.605

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) give final approval to 702 KAR 5:080, Bus drivers' qualifications, responsibilities, and training?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. The current regulation requires that prospective school bus drivers undergo medical examinations to include tests for tuberculosis upon initial employment. The staff from the Kentucky Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program in the Department for Public Health requested that the KBE amend 704 KAR 4:020, School Health Services to bring it into compliance with its "Protocol for Tuberculosis". This amendment brings 702 KAR 5:080 into compliance as well. Other changes to the regulation have been made to reflect current practice, organizational structure, and documentation references. No changes have been made to the regulation since the Board's previous review in June. It now comes forward for final approval.

Staff Recommendation and Rationale:

Staff recommends final approval of 702 KAR 5:080 so that the tuberculosis assessment protocol will be consistent for all district employees and follow the Department of Public Health's "Protocol for Tuberculosis".

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

The Local Superintendents Advisory Council will be reviewing the regulation and forwarding its recommendation via letter to the Board prior to the August meeting.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Safe and healthy school environments are a necessary component for academic success: a school's overall environment has an impact on student achievement, and the health and welfare of all students, teachers and staff.

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